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West Chester Dec 18 1844

Dear Child I received your letter of the 4th inst
asking my advice respecting your continuing in Trenton
I am sorry to think the colored population of Trenton
are such as you represent them to be although
I believe your description of them to be correct
from what I have heard, but I hesitate at
once to give you my advice, passing over all
the difficulties that lay in your way in regard to
the School
you say that your throat is no better and the
state of your health seems not to warrant you
in continuing to teach through the winter you
fear of evil consequences I therefore advise
you to come home as soon as you can
prudently leave the place thank God you yet
have a home where you are welcome therefore
do not sacrifice your remaining health if you
can possibly help it, be cautious how you inform
your school patrons that you are about to leave
lest you put it in their power to wrong

your letter in your money matters on your character,
we are all well at present and hope to see you
shortly I remain your affectionate father
A D Shadd

AB perhaps you have not heard that your aunt
Elizabeth Shadd was buried on last Wednesday
we did get word in time to attend the funeral

A D Sh

[Faint, illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]



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Greenton

Miss Mary Ann Chadde

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